



Wesley Chapel
Jacksonville, Illinois



Winchester UMC



**CHRIST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

Welcome to Worship

We are so glad you have chosen to join us today, and we are grateful for your presence among us. Whether this is your first visit or your church home, we hope you experience God's grace, peace, and love in this place.

We believe that all people are welcomed by Christ and have a place in the life of the church. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here. When we celebrate Holy Communion, all who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive, regardless of church membership or background.

If you have questions, would like to learn more about our congregation, or simply wish to talk or pray with one of us, we would love to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out or speak with us after worship.

Grace and peace,

Pastors Becky and Chris Williams



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Events & Announcements

Dare to Dream Popcorn Night: Join us on Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 P.M. at Wesley Chapel! This is a great opportunity for members of all three congregations in our parish to come together, share ideas, and dream about the future of our church across our three locations through a fun, “popcorn-style” brainstorming time. Popcorn and beverages (water, tea, coffee, lemonade) will be provided—please bring any additional snacks to share and drinks you prefer. Childcare will be available with a movie night for the kids. Come be part of the conversation as we imagine what God is calling us to next!

Pastor’s Bible Study: We are studying the book “Dynamite Prayer” by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey. They encourage readers to stop saying safe prayers, and tap into the miraculous power of God’s Holy Spirit. Unleash more than you could ask, think, or imagine into your life and world. Pastor Becky is leading this five-week study which meets at the following times:

- Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. at Wesley Chapel
- Tuesdays 7:00 P.M. at Winchester
- Wednesdays 9:00 A.M. at White Hall

Graduating Students: We would love to celebrate the accomplishments of our students! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year—whether from elementary school, middle school, high school, or college—please let us know. Email our pastors or your church office with the names of graduating students so that we can recognize them during worship on May 17. Thank you for helping us honor this important milestone in the lives of our students!

Miracle Sunday: You are invited to be part of a special denomination-wide celebration called *Miracle Sunday* on May 17, 2026. This Spirit-led emphasis reflects our shared vision: Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

On this day, we will receive a special offering to support theological education for pastors serving outside the United States. While many clergy in the U.S. have access to formal training, far fewer pastors in other parts of the world have the same opportunity.

Your gifts will help equip emerging leaders in places like Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, strengthening the global church for faithful and effective ministry. Thank you for your prayerful support of this important mission.

Calendar

Sunday, May 10, 2026-Mother's Day

- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Worship: Wesley Chapel
- 9:30 Sunday School: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship @ Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Sunday School (All Ages) Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Worship Christ UMC

Monday, May 11

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship Planning Mtg.

Tuesday, May 12

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Wesley Chapel
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 Delta Kappa Gamma
- 5:00 Girl Scouts Meet: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Winchester UMC

Wednesday, May 13

- 9:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Christ UMC

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 1:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 15

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 16

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 DDart Meeting: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Scripture

Philippians 1:1-18

Salutation

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops^[a] and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians 3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[c] it until the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart,^[d] for all of you are my partners in God's grace,^[e] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest^[f] of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God

. **Paul's Present Circumstances** 12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard^[g] and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, 14 and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word^[h] with greater boldness and without fear. 15 Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. 16 These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; 17 the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. 18 What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

I will rejoice,